

Travel during Covid-19

tracking research - week 4

29 May 2020

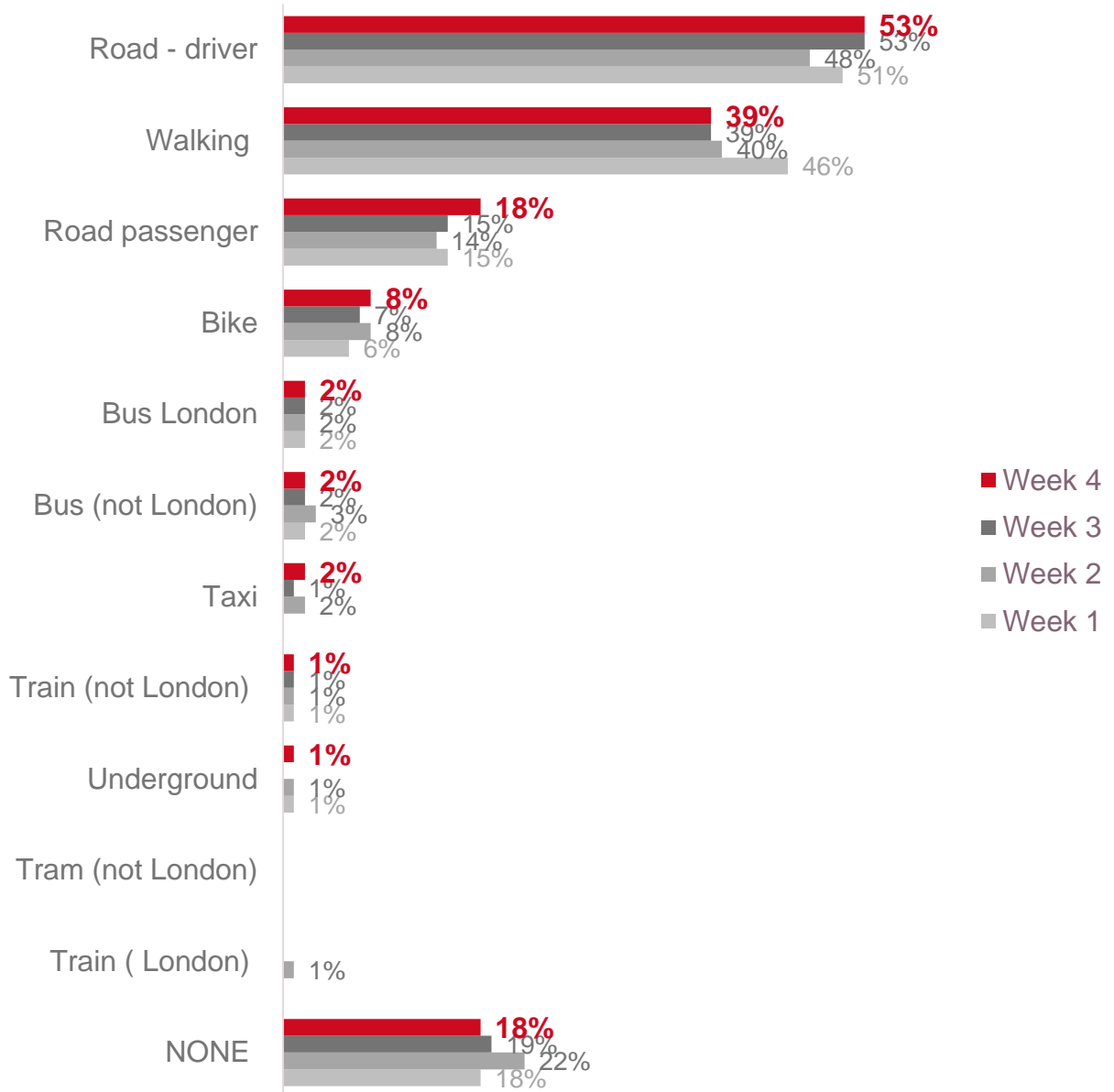
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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 4

Low use of public transport remains consistent

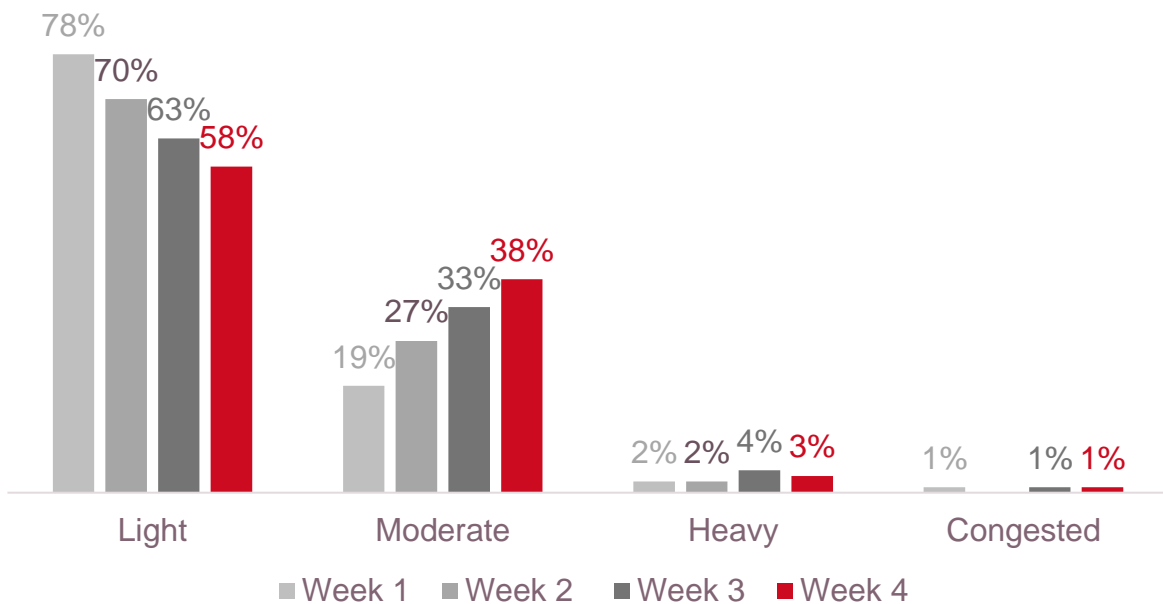
Transport used in last 7 days



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Level of perceived traffic volume increases again

Reported level of traffic when making car journeys



“Traffic on the motorway very light but local roads are much busier than they were a couple of weeks ago.”



Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 4

Reasons for making journeys and non-use of public transport

Reasons for making any journeys in last 7 days



WORK **23%** (26% W3)



VISITING/CARING FRIENDS/FAMILY **16%** (15%W3)



SHOPPING **78%** (77% W3)

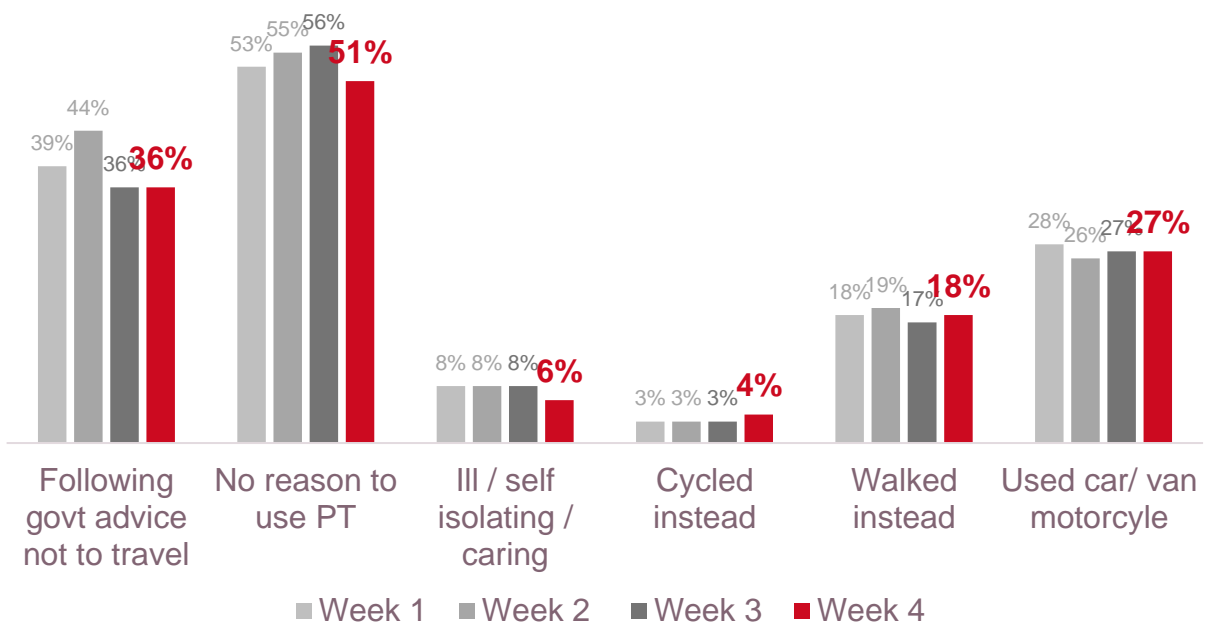


PERSONAL BUSINESS (MEDICAL ETC) **16%** (15% W3)



TRAVEL TO EXERCISE OR FOR LEISURE **32%** (30% W3)

Reasons Public Transport not used in last 7 days

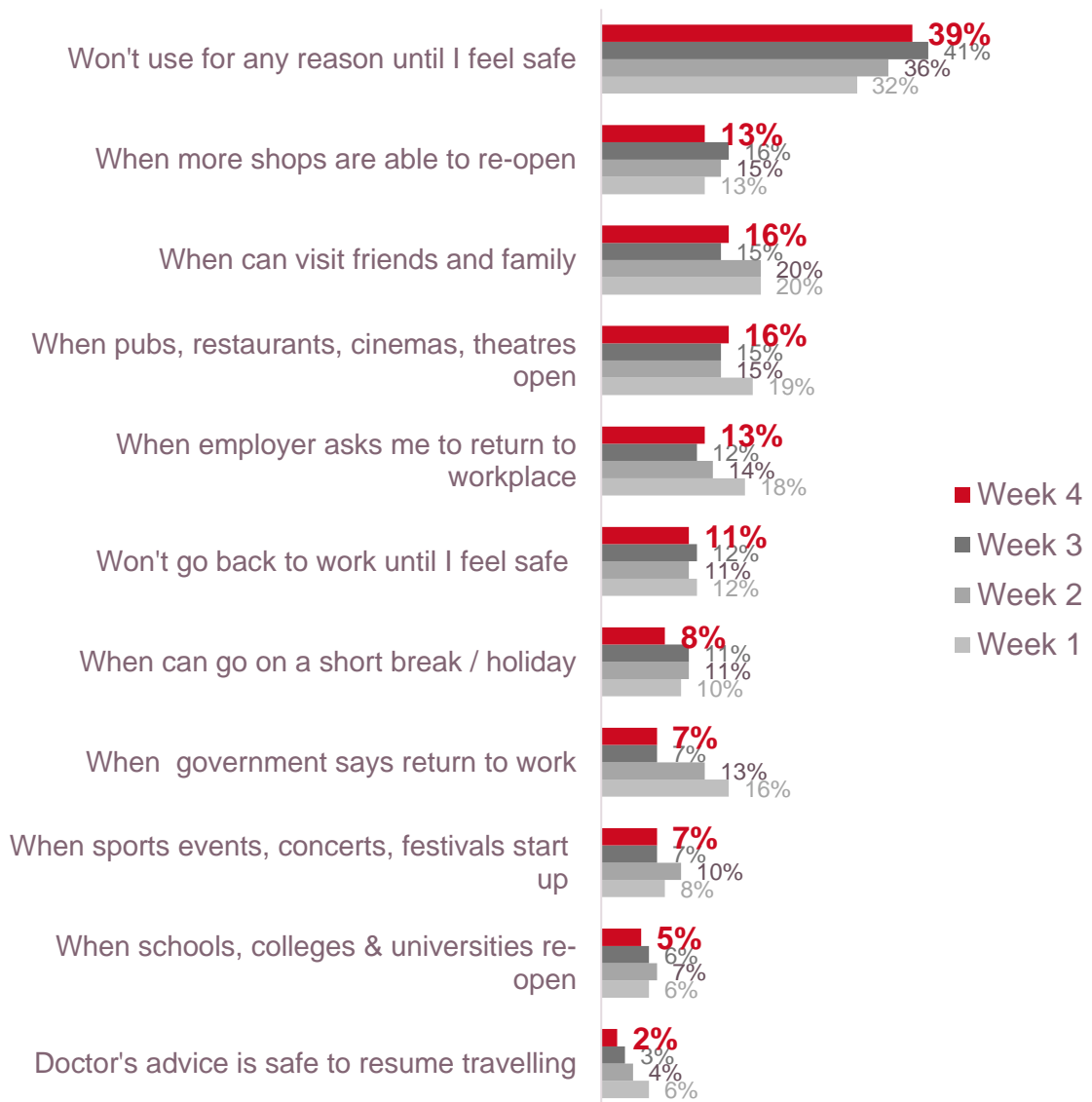


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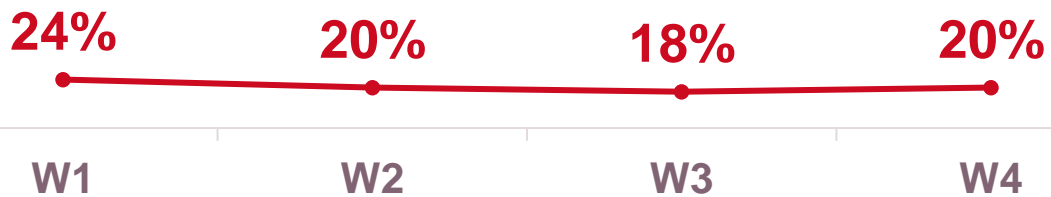
There is still caution around using public transport

39% now say that they won't use public transport again for any reason until they feel safe to do so

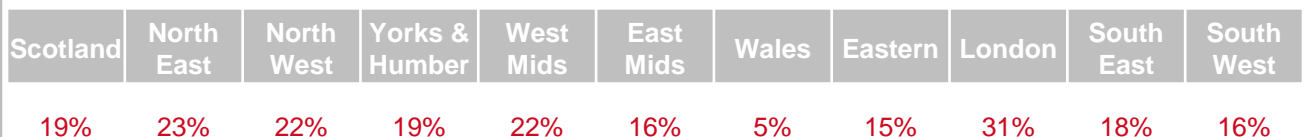
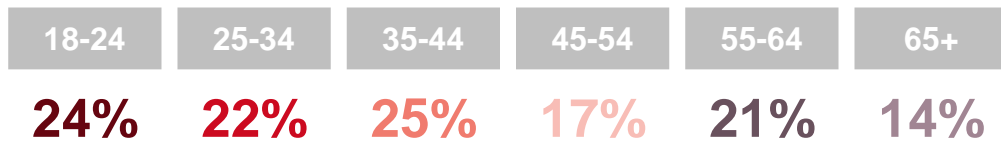
When those who previously used public transport and haven't in last 7 days will start to travel again....



The proportion who say they are happy to use public transport when restrictions are relaxed is around one in five

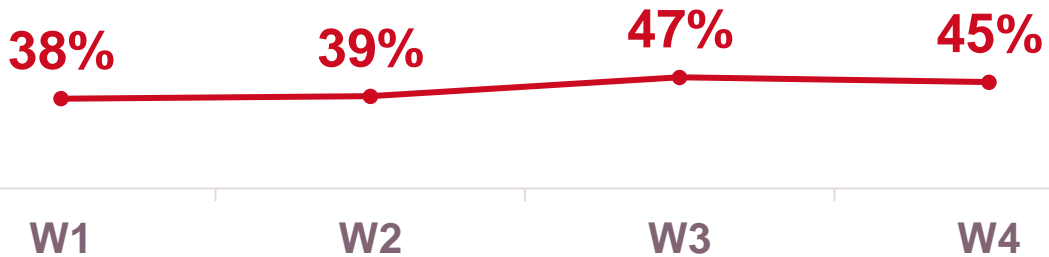


As soon as travel restrictions are relaxed, I'll be happy to travel by public transport again (W3 1668)

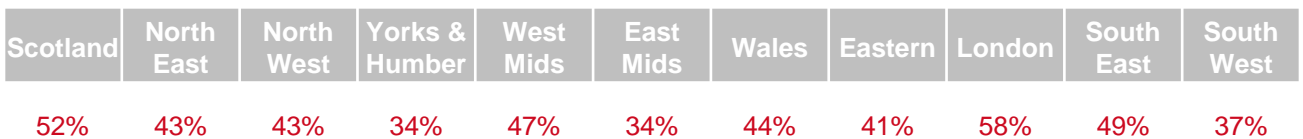
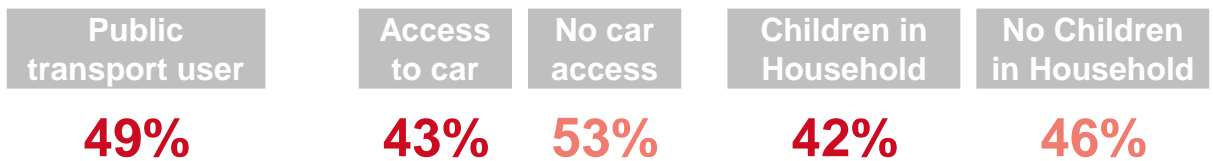
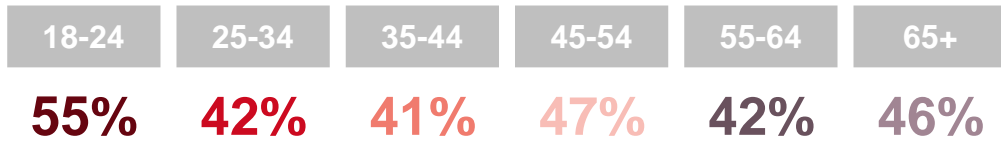


Base excludes don't know / not applicable answers

A similar proportion as in week 3 will wear a face mask outside their home

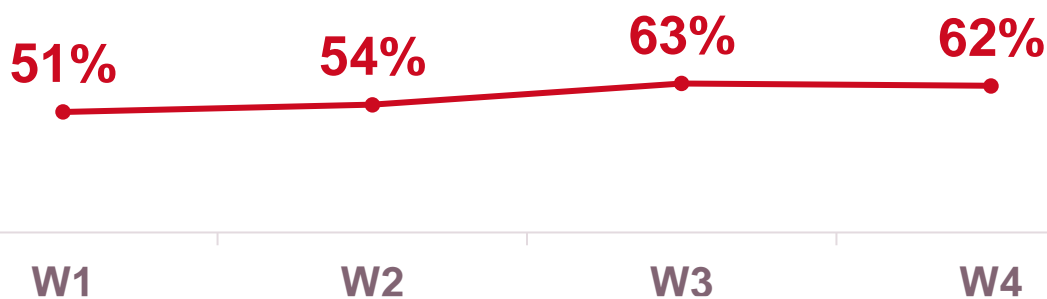


For my own and others' safety I will be wearing a mask / face covering when I'm outside my home (W3 1771)

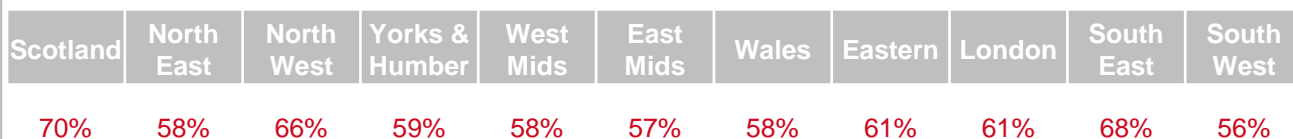
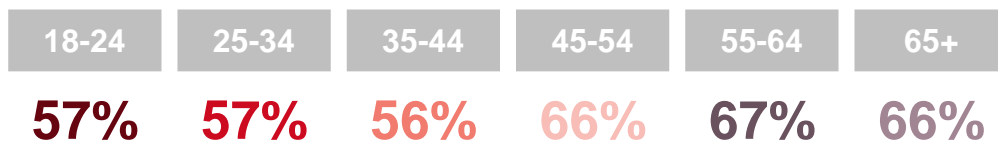


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Six out of ten think that wearing a face mask while using public transport should be a requirement



I wouldn't be happy using public transport unless passengers required to wear masks/ face coverings (W3 1670)



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Seven in ten say that they won't use public transport until social distancing is in place



W1 W2 W3 W4

I won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place (W3 1625)

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65+

68%

64%

65%

72%

75%

77%

Male

Female

Any disability

No disability

White

BAME

66%

76%

70%

71%

71%

61%

Public transport user

Access to car

No car access

Children in Household

No Children in Household

68%

73%

62%

66%

72%

Scotland

North East

North West

Yorks & Humber

West Mids

East Mids

Wales

Eastern

London

South East

South West

75%

71%

73%

71%

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Six out of ten are more likely to drive in the future



W1 W2 W3 W4

Once travel restrictions are relaxed, I will drive more rather than use public transport (W3 1465)

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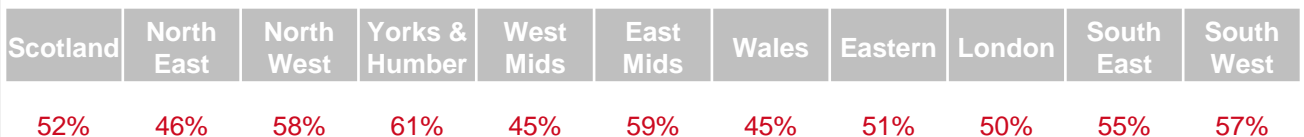
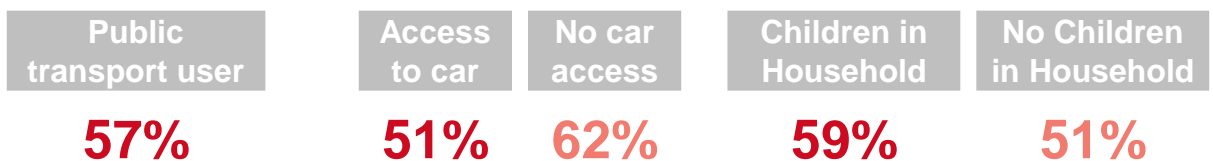
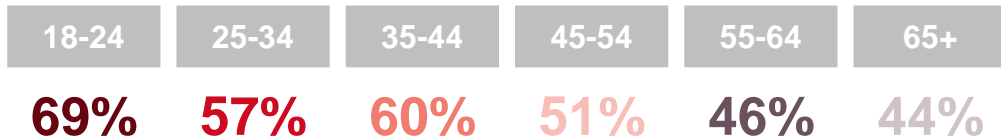
58%

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Around half are consistently saying that they are likely to cycle/walk more in the future

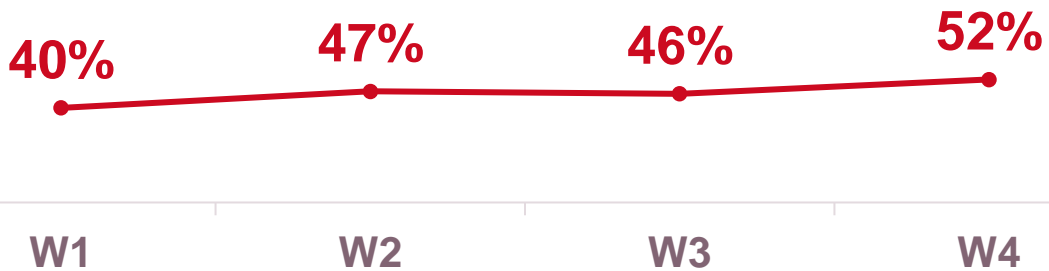


Once travel restrictions are relaxed, I will cycle and walk more rather than use public transport (W3 1555)

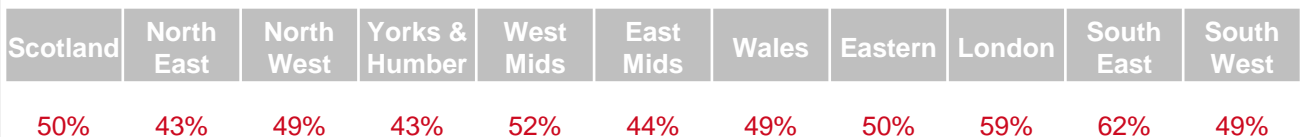
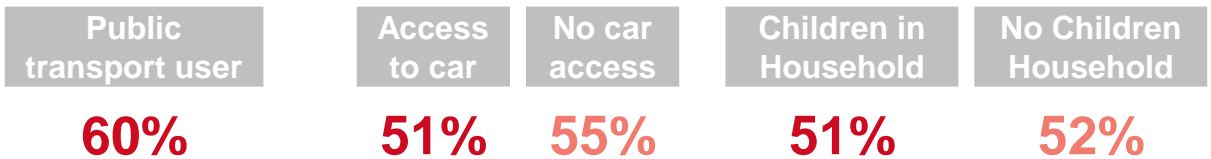
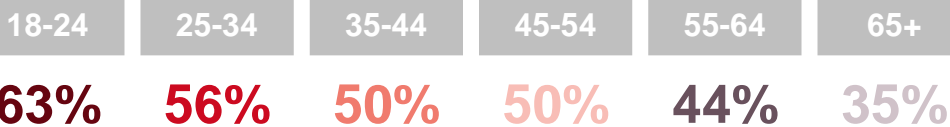


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The proportion who say they expect to work from home more often in the future has increased since week 1



I expect to work from home more often in the future
(W3 987)



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Survey method

- c.2000 online interviews per week, nationally representative of Great British population – not all respondents are passengers on public transport.
- The analysis of attitudinal questions excludes response from those who don't have an opinion, or from those who say that the question is not applicable to them.
- Fieldwork dates:
 - week 1: 1-3 May 2020
 - week 2: 8-10 May 2020
 - week 3: 15-17 May 2020
 - week 4: 22-24 May 2020.
- Using Populus weekly omnibus.
- To be repeated each week.

Sample breakdown

Sample size by age groups, gender, and region.

	TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Week 1	2056	234	310	324	377	314	497	1003	1053
Week 2	2026	242	361	287	332	315	489	1009	1017
Week 3	2013	223	351	332	350	300	457	1004	1009
Week 4	2000	232	327	323	318	294	506	1010	990

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Week 1	185	84	233	164	185	157	110	210	259	287	182
Week 2	165	86	240	177	163	161	110	188	229	306	201
Week 3	173	87	230	179	184	155	110	193	236	274	192
Week 4	194	78	246	148	167	162	101	214	283	237	170